

Twin Centre Minor Baseball - Wilmot Softball Association
AGENDA - Executive Meeting, August 11, 2024
6:30 PM, Activities Room, WRC

Attendance: PJ Poirier, Kevin Reich, Mike Van De Wynkle, Susan Hall, John Vleeming, Todd Lichty, Shannon Van Alphen, Sarah Nicholls, Dan Lebel, Mike Carey, Kevin Hall, Amy Balatoni, Ryan Roth, Jamie Hergott

Regrets: Dan, Mike C, Todd,

Opening Comments

Secretary Report - Daniel / Kevin R.

Review of [June 2, 2024 Minutes](#). & [July 7, 2024 Minutes](#)

Motion to approve minutes for the meeting on June 2 M-John, S-Jamie Approved

July 7 Minutes - approve next meeting

Finance – Mike V / Amy B

Current Financial Position – WSA and TCMB

In good shape – dealing with latest expenses.

Chair Reports – Action Items from last meeting listed here

Umpires- Lance

Umpire Pay Rate – Ryan

ACTION ITEMS:

Determine what effect an increase on umpire fees will have towards registration

Ryan R, Kevin H, Susan H – Proposal on registration fee increase for Sept Meeting based on increased input costs (umpires, diamonds, uniforms, etc...) - Including study on reg fees at other centers

Kevin R: Ask township for fee increase on diamonds for next season

Lance: Get adjustment amounts from Ryan and Kevin/Susan for umpire clinic reimbursements

Junior Ump Performance – Ryan

Partnering junior umpires with senior umpires ie: Junior umps behind bases while senior ump observes from bases

Discussion between Lance and Ryan showed that this was successful in the past and that there is a need to support Lance with admin work

Uniforms – Shannon

Next Steps with Stitch

- Shannon has presented samples of issues from jerseys, hats, etc...

Issues that were noted from the season:

- Inconsistent logo sizes and number colours
- Different colours and quality of hats for LL
- Found issues were not resolved, even after multiple communications
- Ryan suggest that a discussion with Stitch on the performance to understand how WSA can better work with Stitch or other potential vendors
- Amy; Suggests we need to have an actual “BRANDING PACKAGE” in our sharepoint files that makes sending artwork etc... to vendors
- Ryan; Suggests we need to have exec members support Shannon in meeting with Stitch to understand issues, pain points, and attempt to build a gameplan. We can build a new tender package and decide on our go forward once we meet with Stitch.
- Mike V; We need to support Shannon on this as she may be unwilling to stay in the Chair of uniforms role if she will face the same challenges next season.
- Shannon; Feels that based on previous communication there will not be an improvement, which is why she is wanting to propose a vote to move on to a new vendor
- Ryan; Lets create a new Tender package and present at next meeting – John V to assist
- Kevin H; Make sure Tender package is Crystal Clear to ensure the vendor has full clarity on our branding requirements, lead time / delivery dates requirements, substitution rules etc... and any penalties to our vendor if they are unable to deliver.

Blastball, TBall, CP – PJ

- Year end part last weekend for TBall

Scheduling – Kevin R/Todd

- Kevin H; Diamond usage per team – Kevin R to investigate ASAP for budget purposes
- Diamonds given back to Township

Volunteers – PJ

- Action Item; PJ, Susan, and Ryan to determine reimbursements
- John V – Need to get notice out sooner for tournaments

Equipment – Jamie H (nothing to report) / Todd

- Turf in Cages – What was this?
 - o Asking Jamie to evaluate options ie; matts, or full coverage
- Looking for input on # of tournaments, equipment upgrades etc... so Jamie can start working with Smash It

Player Development – John V / Todd

- No Update

Communications / social media – Sarah

- Exec comments on the great job Shannon and Sarah are doing with social media
- Proposing pictures / profiles for rep players (boys and girls) for off season
- **ACTION ITEM; Upcoming Messages: Rep coaches, awards voting, AGM communication (Tentative Oct 16th) – Susan and Shannon**

- **ACTION ITEM: Book a room for AGM and Award ceremony on October 16th**

Working Group Updates –

Awards – Ryan, Kevin R, Kevin H, Mike C

Awards Committee Update – no update

Awards Case Discussion

Tournaments – PJ, John V, Jamie H, Mike C, Ryan R, Todd

- 2025 – Invitational – Mike C. - Do we move ahead with this (YES), and will it be NW or Wilmot/Twin Center – Mike C would be willing to lead the organization – YES

- Do we want to run as a single weekend, or multiple weekends?

Consensus is Multiple weekends

- **Action Item: Ryan R will communicate with Mike C**

- 2025 – OASA/ORSA bids

- ORSA – Good volunteer turnout

- U15 Elims – Good volunteer Turnout

- U13 OASA – Poor volunteer turnout

Ryan R: Suggests we reach out to the Rep coaches to get a commitment from the team to help host these tournaments, and decide which ages we want to host based on that feedback? Ryan suggests we need to determine the parameters of how this could work.

Action Item: Ryan and Kevin R to discuss what this may look like.

ORSA – Ryan – Would we want to host and ORSA tournament again? Kevin H – Yes, but we need to make sure girls are included. Susan H – Suggests U15 would be a good age again due to Girls interest

Sponsorship – Ryan R, Mike C

- NH Optimist club has suggested they buy an ice machine for us that they can share – in lieu of a cash donation to WSA

Fundraising - Susan (LEAD), PJ, John V

- No Update

Girls Program – Susan H (Lead), Sarah N, Amy, Shannon

- Last meeting proposed a campaign to change name for girls program
- Subcommittee meeting – decision made to hold off on this initiative until we create a bigger group supporting girls ball
- Susan – informal poles suggest girls want to keep the Thunder name and identity, so maybe just colour / jersey changes...
- Susan; U11 T1 team as a trial this year was successful, but suggests that they were not challenged enough in Huron-Perth and should have possibly played in PWSA.

Boys LL – Amy, PJ, Todd

- Player Ratings

- PJ presents coach feedback; Suggests we collect Additional fields Commitment/Coachability/Sportsmanship
- Discussion leads to decision to not include this information on player ratings
- Kevin H; Need to set some expectations on call ups – To be addressed at coach's meeting next season – batting order, positions, pitching etc...

Past Achievement Recognition – John V, Kevin H, Ryan R, Kevin R

- No Update

New Business (8:40 PM):

- Charms – Selling well and great feedback. Feedback that they break easily
 - Sold 280 via eTransfer
- U17, U20 Men's League Trial – Ryan
 - Trial with U17 and U20 teams playing in local Church league
 - Issue; U17 T1 played exhibition games only, U17T2 dominated their league, U20 struggling to find a league to play in
- U15 Options for # of teams – Kevin
 - Coaching decisions coming soon
 - Face issue with 2 x current U15 teams plus U13 major team moving up
 - Kevin H – Propose discussion on 3 competitive teams
 - Not current structure to support this – General consensus is to support 3 competitive teams, structure TBD for tryouts
 - **ACTION ITEM; Kevin H and Ryan R to meet to discuss and possibly update tryout policy**
- General Feedback Form – Kevin H
 - Receiving lots of little pieces of feedback verbally, how do we capture this?
 - Initial thought was a "General Feedback Form", but Kevin H – Suggests we need to encourage feedback at AGM for open discussion
 - Kevin H suggests Exec message should be: Please come discuss at the open forum during the AGM
 - Shannon – Will people be willing to open up at the AGM?
 - Ryan; Suggests we direct questions to the appropriate exec member to handle this, and they can gather feedback.
- Roles for 2025 - Nonelection year
 - Registrar – **ACTION ITEM: Ryan to put together messaging about finding a registrar for 2025**
 - Intent for return/withdrawal
 - **ACTION ITEM: Ryan, Amy, and Todd to discuss WSA/Twin Centre relationship, and what this looks like going forward**

- Heather Dubrick has expressed interest to join executive
- Motion passing on July 30 via email in support of expenses for the U15 Tier 1 team attending the Eastern Canadian Championships in Nova Scotia in August, in the amount of \$1,000 – Ryan R motioned, Kevin H 2nd, All in favor
- OASA Eastern and Canadians representation – Kevin H
 - Conversation about teams not going to Nationals even though they qualified
 - Player commitment issues
 - OASA form has a spot to declare whether a team is planning to attend. Team fined for not attending
 - **ACTION ITEM: KEVIN H and RYAN R**
- Local League Draft Policy – OCTOBER MEETING
- Santa Clause Parade
 - Agreement that we should
 - Subcommittee; Shannon, Ryan R, Jamie, Susan – To meet
- Try out Policy Review – Ryan
 - See Above
- Update of Association information for Lottery License
 - **ACTION ITEM: Dan L to update**
- Keys, Web Access

Other Items:

Rep Coach Selection

Ryan discussed prior issues with having a unbiased committee which removes the knowledge of their coaching history

Group comments that any information should be provided that the executive has on previous feedback at the beginning of the selection process.

Coach selection process to be further discussed at the next executive meeting

Next Meeting:

Sep 8, 2024 @ 6:30 pm - ACTION ITEM: KEVIN R to book a room at WRC

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn – Shannon, Kevin Hall 2nd. Meeting Adjourned 9:47 PM.

Future Meeting Dates:

Oct 6

2024 AGM Oct 16

Future Agenda Items

Update bylaws to state we can vote via email

Update maximum terms for positions – Need to be updated for AGM

Update list of directors at end of year, and provide directors reports to those listed

Registration data with positions

Note to add “Announcements” to list of items that sponsors get

QR Code on Signs

COACH SELECTION PROCESS – LL and REP – Needs to be updated